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Dear Dr. McCarthy and Mr. Mullins:

This acknowledges the receipt of your April 7, 1997 letter, submitted on behalf of the American Crop Protection Association, Chemical Manufacturers Association, Mid America Crop Protection Association, Southern Crop Protection Association, and the Western Crop Protection Association, requesting certain amendments of an amendment of 49 CFR 171.14. Specifically, your letter requests certain changes to provide specific transitional periods whenever a final rule is issued that makes changes to the packaging, marking, or labeling requirements and to allow the intermixing of old and new requirements for proper shipping names containing the same key words. You state the requested changes will reduce compliance problems involving transportation of hazardous materials packaged in conformance with the requirements in effect prior to implementation of the final rule.

Your letter has been accepted as a petition for rulemaking under 49 CFR 106.31 and assigned number, P-1342. If you should write to us regarding this petition, please make reference to this petition number.

Sincerely,

Hattie L. Mitchell
Chief, Exemption and Regulations Termination
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